



The Secretary of the State's 2013 12th Grade Excellence In Citizenship Scholarship

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The Connecticut Citizenship Fund Inc.*

The mission of the Connecticut Citizenship Fund is to increase interest and participation in government, particularly in state and local government, increase citizen participation in elections, and enhance school age appropriate civic education programs, and to stimulate involvement in civic activities.

Contest Timeline:

- March 18, 2013 - Must be postmarked, hand delivered or emailed.
- April 1, 2013 - Judging deadline.
- April 15, 2013 - Winners will be posted on the [SOTS website](#).
- TBD - A citation will be mailed to each student at the address which is provided on the ENTRY FORM. Our judges will select one winner from each Congressional District to receive a \$1000 scholarship and a citation which will be presented to the winning student at the event listed on the ENTRY FORM.

Please Note: In the event that the Secretary's schedule does not allow her to attend your event we will schedule a press event so the Secretary can present the scholarship at that time.

Guidelines and Information:

- The student must be a current 12th grader in the State of Connecticut.
- An ENTRY FORM must be sent in with each submission.
- Only one submission may be submitted by each school/establishment.
- Submission may be made by anyone (teacher, parent, etc.)
- **ENTRY FORMS and SUBMISSIONS may be emailed to Diana.theriault@ct.gov on or before March 18, 2013.**
- Mailed ENTRY FORMS and SUBMISSIONS must be postmarked on or before **March 18, 2013.**
- Submissions must not exceed five pages (one sided only).
- Paper size must be 8 ½ x 11 or 11 x 17 only (no binders or plastic covers please).
- Submissions must be typed or hand written neatly with pen.
- Submissions will not be returned so please make a copy prior to mailing them in.
- The following information must be included on the front page on the upper right corner:
 - Student's Name
 - Congressional District of student's home address (1-5).
- All students will receive a citation signed by the Secretary. One student from each congressional district will be chosen to receive a scholarship to be presented by the Secretary of the State along with their signed citation.
- **Judging will be based on the student's profile (academics, community involvement, leadership, and personal achievements).**
- The contact person listed on the ENTRY FORM will be notified if one of their submissions is selected to receive the \$1000 scholarship.
- The winning submissions will be available to view on the SOTS website.



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ENTRY FORM-Send this form in with your submission.

Please print clearly or type.

Congressional District (Please check one box): ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Please note: Congressional District selection should be based on the student's residence address.

Students Name:	
Student's home address:	

Contact Information

(Please list the person you would like to us to contact if your submission is chosen to receive the monetary award).

<input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THE STUDENT IS UNAWARE THEY HAVE BEEN ENTERED INTO THIS CONTEST	
Contacts Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	

If you have any questions please contact Diana Theriault@ Diana.theriault@ct.gov or 860.509.6030.

Mailing Checklist:

- ☐ In the upper right corner of the submission please write: Student's name and the Congressional District of their residence.
 - ☐ ENTRY FORM is complete and legible.
 - ☐ **EMAILED ENTRY FORMS and SUBMISSIONS may be emailed to Diana.theriault@ct.gov on or before March 18, 2013.**
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- Mailing Address: **Office of the Secretary of the State
210 Capitol Avenue, Room 104
Hartford, CT 06106
12TH GRADE EXCELLENCE IN CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Question: I have a question about the 12th Grade Citizenship Scholarship. I am unclear as to what constitutes a submission? I know submissions may only be up to 5 pages but what is supposed to be submitted - a resume, official school transcript, teacher or counselor recommendations? Is the student to write an essay about their activities and achievements?

Answer: Any and/or all of the above. Anything which explains how the student meets our criteria. The student may, but is not required to write an essay. In many instances, students are not aware that they are being submitted to receive this scholarship by a school administrator.

Criteria:

- *Volunteer Service to the community*
- *Involvement in citizenship or character building organizations*
- *Good scholastic record*
- *Participation in student government programs or activities*
- *Faithful school attendance*
- *Leadership ability to motivate other to actions to benefit the community*
- *Supporting information*
- *Only 1 person from each grade (8th and 12th) may be submitted from each school*